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BEFORE PETERSBURGH.

Particulars of the Engagement of Wednesday.

The Rebels Get Between the Second and Sixth Corps.

A SEVERE ENGAGEMENT FOLLOWS.

The Rebels Forced Back in a Charge by the Sixth Corps.

Our Loss Four Guns and 2,500 in Killed, Wounded and Missing.

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The Weldon Railroad in Our Possession.

Particulars of the Attack upon the Second Corps on Wednesday—Gen. Thom and Five Others Reported Captured by the Rebels—Our Loss in Killed and Wounded Fifteen Hundred—The Last Ground Recovered—Preparations to Destroy the Weldon Railroad.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Thursday, June 23—P. M.

The attack upon the Second Corps on Wednesday, near the Weldon Railroad, did not result as disastrously as at first supposed.

The line was formed by Barlow's division being on the left, Barnes's (Mott in command) in the centre, and Gregory on the right.

It was expected that the Sixth Corps would have connected on the left with Barlow, but it seems quite a gap was left, into which A. P. Hill's rebel corps entered, and, before our men were aware of it, they received a volley from the rear, which created a panic in our ranks and caused a rapid retreat to the woods in the rear of the Third Division. This left the flank of the Third Division unprotected, and the enemy, taking advantage of it, charged through and cut into our rifle pits, ordering the men to surrender.

The troops, however, left the trenches and fell back rapidly, but many of them were captured, and quite a number were killed and wounded before they got away.

The number of our loss in prisoners is reported at one thousand, while some make the figure higher. Our loss in killed and wounded is probably fifteen hundred.

Some of our officers engaged in this fight had just joined their commands after being exchanged, and when surrounded and ordered to surrender replied, "Never! Death rather than Libby Prison!" and fighting their way out as best they could, many of them succeeded in getting back.

A. P. Hill's corps was struck by the Second Corps, and the line of retreat down which they took their flight is the direction we now occupy.

Not a person of a man to this advance, as the ground is dead too high, the balls all passing over the heads of our men. A number of prisoners were taken.

Skirmishing was kept up all night along the line, the pickets being at some points not fifty yards apart.

At daylight this morning an advance of the entire line was made, when it was found that the rebels had taken a new position some distance further back, while they had thrown up some strong intrenchments during the night, which they still hold.

Col. BLAISDELL, of the Eleventh Massachusetts, was killed to-day by a sharpshooter, while visiting the skirmish line.

Lieut. W. H. GARR, of the Forty-fifth Pennsylvania, who was to have been relmstated yesterday as First Lieutenant, was shot dead by a rebel sharpshooter on Thursday evening.

Col. MASON, of the Eleventh New-Jersey, is missing and supposed to be captured.

The Sixth Corps moved toward the railroad this morning, driving the enemy before them, and during the afternoon reported that they were in possession of the road, and arrangements were made to destroy it.

At 2 P. M., a large force of rebels was seen moving toward the front, as if to resist the advance of the Sixth Corps, and an engagement in that direction is now raging.

Further intelligence will be given in our next edition.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, June 25.

Another letter from the Army of the Potomac, dated Petersburgh, June 23—9 P. M., says: We had plenty of skirmishing all day. The sharpshooters on both sides are continually exchanging shots, and frequently pick off men who are perhaps a mile and a half distant.

A battery of 30-pounders is thrown on the road to Jones Penetrough, and every morning we are treated to a splendid artillery duel.

The weather has been extremely warm and oppressive, and cases of sunstroke are quite numerous. Many instances of men suddenly losing their reason from the effects of the heat are reported.

Gen. BARLOW who was severely wounded during the Weldon Railroad fight, is reported as doing well.

Gen. GREGG, following the fleeing enemy, has taken up his position on Globe's farm.

Maj. CHAMBERLAIN, of the First Maine Cavalry, had the command of a provisional regiment composed of detachments from all the regiments and companies. He fought the rebels on the right of the plank road long enough to allow the infantry to get into position, and then fell back, when they had thrown up some strong intrenchments during the night, which they still hold.

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MANIFESTO BY THE REBEL CONGRESS.

The Richmond *Whig*, of June 13, contains the following documents:

Whereas, It is due to the great cause of humanity and civilization, and especially to the heroic sacrifices of their gallant army in the field, that no means consistent with a proper self-respect and the approved usages of nations should be omitted by the Confederate States to enlighten the public opinion of the world with regard to the true character of the struggle in which they are engaged, and the dispositions, principles and purposes by which they are animated; therefore

Be it Resolved by the Congress of the Confederate States of America, That the following manifesto be issued in their name and by their authority, and that the President be requested to cause copies thereof to be transmitted to our commissioners abroad to the end that the same may be laid before foreign Governments.

MANIFESTO OF THE CONGRESS OF CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA RELATIVE TO THE EXISTING WAR WITH THE UNITED STATES.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America, acknowledging their responsibility to the opinion of the civilized world, to the great law of Christian philanthropy, and to the Supreme Ruler of the universe, for the part they have been compelled to bear in the sad spectacle of war and carnage which this continent has, for the last three years, exhibited to the eyes of affrighted humanity, deems the present a fitting occasion to declare the principles, the sentiments and the purposes by which they have been and are still actuated.

They have ever deeply deplored the necessity which constrained them to take up arms in defence of their rights and of the free institutions derived from their ancestors; and there is nothing they more ardently desire than peace, whensoever their enemy, by ceasing from their unhallowed war waged upon them, shall permit them to enjoy in peace the sheltered protection of those hereditary rights and of those cherished institutions, the series of successes with which it has pleased Almighty God, in so signal a manner, to bless our arms on almost every point of our invaded borders since the opening of the present campaign, enables us to renew this desire of peace in the interests of civilization and humanity without danger of leaving room for any misunderstanding or ill-founded declaration being ascribed to any unworthy sentiment or any distrust of our ability fully to maintain our causes. The repeated and disastrous checks, foreshadowing ultimate discomfiture, which their gigantic army, directed against the Capital of the Confederacy, has already met with, are but a continuation of the same providential successes for us. We do not refer to these successes in any spirit of vain boasting, but in humble acknowledgment of that Almighty protection which has vouchsafed and granted them.

The world must now see that eight millions of people, inhabiting so extensive a territory with such varied resources and such numerous facilities for defence as the benignant bounty of nature has bestowed upon us, and animated with one spirit by concurrence of every privation and sacrifice of pain, health of property, of life itself, rather than be degraded from the condition of free and independent States in to which they were born, can never be conquered. Will not our adversaries themselves begin to feel that humanity has bled long enough; that tears and blood and treasure enough have been expended in a bootless undertaking, covering their own land, no less than ours, with a pall of mourning, and exposing them far more than ourselves to the catastrophe of financial exhaustion and bankruptcy, not to speak of the loss of their liberties by the despotism engendered in an aggressive warfare upon the liberties of another and kindred people? Will they be willing, by longer perseverance in a wanton and hopeless contest, to make this continent, which they so long boasted to be the chosen abode of liberty and self-government, of peace and a higher civilization, the theatre of the most senseless and prodigal effusion of blood which the world has ever seen, of a virtual relapse into the barbarism of the ruder ages, and of the destruction of constitutional freedom by the lawlessness of unarped power?

These are questions which our adversaries will decide for themselves. We desire to stand acquitted before the tribunal of the world, as well as in the eyes of Omniscient Justice, of any responsibility for the origin or prolongation of a war so contrary to the spirit of the age as to the traditions and acknowledged maxims of the political system of America.

On this continent, whatever opinion may have prevailed elsewhere, it has ever been held and acknowledged by all parties that Government, to be lawful, must be founded on the consent of the governed. We were forced to dissolve our federal connection with our former associates by their aggression on the fundamental principles of our compact of union with them; and in doing so we exercised a right consecrated in the great charter of American liberty—the right of a free people, when a government proves destructive of the ends for which it was established, to recur to original principles, and to institute new guards for their security. The separate independence of the States, as sovereign and coequal members of the Federal Union, had never been surrendered, and the pretension of applying to independent communities, so constituted and organized, the ordinary rules of coercion, and introducing rebellious subjects to obedience, was a solecism in terms, as well as an outrage on the principles of public law.

The war made upon the Confederate States was, therefore, wholly one of aggression. Born freemen, and the descendants of a gallant ancestry, we had no option but to stand up in defence of our invaded firesides, of our desecrated altars, of our violated liberties and birthright, and of the prescriptive institutions which guard and protect them. We have not interfered, nor do we wish, in any manner whatever, to interfere with the internal peace and prosperity of the States arrayed in hostility against us, or with the free development of their destinies in any form of action, or line of policy they may think proper to adopt for themselves. All we ask, is alike immunity for ourselves, and to be left in the undisturbed enjoyment of those inalienable rights of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," which our common ancestors declared to be the equal heritage of all the parties to the social compact.

Let them forbear aggressions upon us, and the war is at an end. If there be questions which require adjustment, we have ever been willing to enter into negotiation, we have ever been willing justment, we are still willing in a spirit of peace, of equity, with our adversaries. Strong in the persuasion of and manly frankness, the justice of our cause, the gallant devotion of our citizen-soldiers, and of the whole body of our people, and above all in the gracious protection of Heaven, we are not afraid to avow our desire for peace on terms consistent with our honor and the permanent security of our rights, and an earnest aspiration to see the world once more restored to the beneficent pursuits of industry and mutual intercourse and exchanges, so essential to its well-being, and which have been so gravely interrupted by the existence of this unnatural war in America.

But if our adversaries, or those whom they have placed in authority, deaf to the voice of reason and justice, steeled against the dictates of both prudence and humanity by the presumptuous and delusive confidence in their own numbers, or those of their allies and foreign mercenaries, shall determined upon an indefinite prolongation of the contest, upon them be the responsibility of a decision so ruinous to themselves, and so injurious to the interests and repose of mankind.

For ourselves, we have no fear for the result. The wildest pictures ever drawn of a disordered imagination, comes short of the extravagance which could dream of the conquest of eight millions of people, resolved with one mind "to die freemen rather than to live slaves," and forewarned by the savage and exterminating spirit in which this war has been waged upon them, and by the mad avowals of its patrons and supporters, of the worse than Egyptian bondage that awaits them in the event of their subjugation.

With these declarations of our dispositions, our principles and our purposes, we commit our cause to the enlightened judgment of the world, to the sober reflection of our adversaries themselves, and to the solemn and righteous arbitrament of Heaven.

GEN. HUNTER'S OPERATIONS.

From the Lynchburgh Republican, June 20.

Friday afternoon, about 4 o'clock, Crook and Averell reached a position near what is known as the "Quaker Church," on the Salem turnpike, four miles from the city, on the left of our lines, where a considerable skirmish occurred with our cavalry, under Gen. Imboden. *In the fight the enemy gained some advantages*, owing to the loss of our lines, they giving way before a charge. The Yankees were soon met and checked by our infantry, and retired to Cotterel's (four miles from the church. Among our wounded in this fight was Major Dolbs, reported mortally.

Saturday morning at daylight the heavy booming of artillery on our left and centre told that the fight was begun, and many believed that a general engagement was progressing. It was soon ascertained, however, that it was only an artillery duel, and up to one o'clock no infantry was brought into action. Shortly after this time the rapidity of the discharges increased, and the sharp rattle of musketry mingled with the hoarse roar of artillery. About this time the enemy advanced in two lines of battle to capture our outer intrenchments on the left of the turnpike, but were repulsed. Again they were rallied to the charge, and were again driven back with considerable loss.

Forty of their killed were left on the field, and seventy prisoners were taken. Including the killed and captured, their loss was at least two hundred and fifty, and possibly three hundred. On the entire line it was ascertained the enemy's loss was seventy-five killed on Saturday night.

The battle-ground was on both sides of the Salem turnpike, between the Quaker Church and the toll-gate, and about two miles southwest of the city.

About twelve o'clock the enemy on our extreme right centre opened heavily with artillery, but after a fierce duel of two hours' duration the enemy's guns were silenced and driven from the field. This fighting, was on, what is known as the "Forrest road," about two and a half miles from town. There was a report in circulation, on Saturday night, that we had captured five pieces of artillery during the day; but we were unable to learn whether it had any foundation or not.

A body of the enemy's cavalry made a demonstration on Saturday on our extreme right, on the Lexington turnpike, about five miles from the city, but were promptly met by some of our cavalry and easily checked. The operations of Saturday, while they only afford partial evidence of the spirit of our men, gives assurance that when the battle opens in earnest the result will be as complete a victory as any of the war. Our friends at a distance may rest assured that Lynchburgh is as safe now as it would be were there not a Yankee within a thousand miles of the city.

A general engagement is anticipated on Sunday. At its close Hunter will be of the same opinion, or we shall be more mistaken than we ever were in our life.

A scout arrived here on Saturday night, and reported a body of Yankee cavalry, seven hundred strong, passed Alexander's Mill, three miles this side of Campbell Court-house, on Saturday evening, moving in the direction of the South Side Railroad. It is presumed they are endeavoring to cut the road again. The scout reported that a body of two thousand of the enemy's cavalry were moving on the Wards bridge road, in the direction of Danville, with the intention of tapping the Richmond and Danville Road.

CAPTURE OF A PART OF HUNTER'S COMMAND.

From the Petersburgh Express, June 21.

Unofficial information from Lynchburg states that the Yankees (Hunter's) were overtaken in their retreat at Liberty, and a large number captured.

PREVIOUS MOVEMENTS.

From the Petersburgh Express, June 14.

The South Side train which reached here yesterday morning brought the Lynchburgh papers of yesterday, which we presume were put to press Saturday night or Sunday forenoon. We copy from them several items relative to the movements of Crook and Averell, the Yankee raiders. The *Virginian* says:

"This city was thrown into a considerable state of excitement on Saturday afternoon, by the news received from various quarters.

"It was definitely ascertained that a party of Yankee cavalry, said to be about one thousand, though there could be no certainty as to their exact numbers, were within four miles of Arrington Depot, on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, distant twenty-eight miles from this city. It was reported also that they had captured part of a wagon-train, though even this report was not verified. Late in the afternoon it was supposed that they had tapped the telegraph, and all communication was suspended. The afternoon train from Charlottesville to this city was signalled in time to put back and escape capture.

"A courier arrived from Lexington about noon, who stated that the enemy camped within seven miles of Lexington on Friday night, supposed to be in large force. Other parties who left Lexington on Friday midnight, heard firing on Saturday, which leaves no doubt that an attack was made on our forces.

"McCausland was in command, but we forbear to give any idea of the number of his troops.

"It was apprehended that an effort would be made by the enemy to reach this city, and accordingly the forces were collected and marched to the defences outside of the city. The detailed men, convalescent soldiers, reserve, second class militia and volunteers made a large force, whose number we shall not attempt to indicate, but they gave assurance that they could effectually resist many thousand raiders. But little uneasiness was felt for the result. During the day intelligence was received to the effect that Sheridan and his raiders had been overhauled at Trevillian depot by Gens. Hampton and Fitz Hugh Lee, where a heavy fight ensued with favorable results to our side. It was stated that a battery of six guns were taken from Sheridan, and the enemy pressed back all day.

"An ammunition train that left this city, via the Grange road, about 2 o'clock on Saturday, and for the safety of which great fears were entertained, returned safely about 8 o'clock in the evening. The conductor saw smoke in the direction of Arrington depot, from which he inferred that the building was burned by the enemy. When the train went down, a gentleman named Dowdy, who had a hundred unarmed men with him, took the responsibility of sieing an equal number of muskets that were on the cars, armed his men and got off at Tye River Bridge, with the avowed purpose of defending it to the last extremity. Such an instance of heroism should not be left unrecorded.

OUR CITY.

The reported advance of the enemy on Lexington and Lynchburgh produced but little, if any, sensation among our people on Saturday. Our vigilant and able Commandant, Gen. Nichols, at one proceeded to put his household in order, to meet any demonstration which might be made in this quarter, and we think our citizens may rest perfectly secure, in view of our means of successful defence. Let our people keep cool, be brave, vigilant and determined, and Lynchburgh cannot be taken.

FORREST'S VICTORY.

The Grenada (Miss.) *Rebel Picket* of the 16th contains the subjoining dispatches:

"Forrest, with Bell's, Lyons' and Mebee's brigades, also Johnson's brigade of Rodey's command, Rice's and Morton's batteries, have whipped 12,000 Yankees with great slaughter, capturing 20 cannons, 250 wagons, 2,000 mules and 2,000 prisoners. Many of them were negroes, who fought desperately. The enemy had 2,000 killed and wounded. Our loss in wounded is heavy, from 600 to 1,000. Among our wounded is Col. Polk, of Bell's brigade, Adjt. Pope, of the Seventh Tennessee, and King, of Rice's battery.

"The enemy is scattered and Forrest is still pursuing. Heavy rains may cut off the retreat of the enemy. The railroad and telegraph are uninterrupted to Corinth. The enemy numbered two to our one. Their infantry are demolished.

Gen. Forrest's victory is greater than at first supposed. Our loss is 150 killed and 450 wounded. The enemy's loss is 1,000 killed and 3,000 captured. The balance are scattered through the woods, still being pursued. The entire army is destroyed. We captured 3,000 prisoners, 250 wagons, with supplies, ordnance stores, 2,000 small arms, and about 20 pieces of artillery. The fight was stubborn. The enemy stood till knocked down by the butts of our guns. We had 3,000 in the fight and the enemy 10,250."

DEATH OF GEN. POLK.

From the Richmond Examiner, June 18.

The death of Gen. Polk was placed beyond all doubt last night by the following official announcement of the calamity from Gen. Johnston:

MARIETTA, June 14.

To His Excellency Jefferson Davis:

The army and country this morning had the calamity to lose Lieut.-Gen. Polk, who fell by a cannon-ball directed at one of our batteries.

[Signed] J. E. JOHNSTON.

ATLANTA, Wednesday, June 15.

The remains of Gen. Polk arrived here this morning, and were deposited in St. Luke's Church. The funeral service and a sermon by Rev. Dr. Quintard were delivered before a great assembly. The remains were then escorted to the Noose train for Augusta with military honors.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.

AN APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES.

The Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association of Richmond respectfully but earnestly submit to the benevolent and the patriotic throughout the Confederate States an appeal in behalf of the soldiers' families in this city. Since the commencement of the war Richmond has been a refuge for those who have been driven from their homes by our ruthless enemies. Thousands of helpless women and children, not from the devastated counties of Virginia alone, but from nearly every State of the Confederacy, have sought an asylum in our midst. Our citizens have been appealed to in numberless instances to relieve the sick and wounded soldiers, to furnish shoes and clothing for soldiers in the field and hospital, and to afford food and shelter for their suffering families, and nobly have they, in the great majority of instances, responded to every appeal.

The supplies of provisions in the city at this time are so reduced, and the difficulties of obtaining others by ordinary means so numerous and great, that the funds contributed for the relief of the poor can accomplish but little in purchasing the necessaries of life.

In a written report from the clothing bureau it appears that that there are more than three thousand females in this city who are seeking employment from the Government in vain, and that those who obtain work are not fully employed. The wages received for their work will not enable these poor women to procure a sufficiency of the plainest food for themselves and children. Without assistance, then, from the city and country generally, many instances of actual starvation must have occurred. Our City Council has made most liberal appropriations for the purchase of supplies, both for gratuitous distribution and for sale at cost; but the agents employed for the purpose have not been able to procure the quantity of provisions required.

Under these circumstances we feel that it is our duty to appeal to our fellow-citizens throughout the Confederate States to forward, without delay, contributions of money and supplies to the Army Committee of this Association. Since the commencement of the war, this committee has labored zealously and faithfully for the temporal and spiritual welfare of our soldiers and their families, and for the success of our glorious cause. Let those soldiers not be discouraged now, upon the eve of our severest, and, as we trust, our last and most glorious campaign, for want of the generous sympathy and support of their friends at home.

Shipments made to Rodes Martin, Superintendent, or Wm. P. Munford, Chairman of the Army Committee, will be promptly attended to. And, in accordance with a special agreement made with the Superintendent of the Southern Express Company, all express charges will be paid by them at Richmond.

Contributions of money should also be sent to these gentlemen. WM. WILLIS, Jr., President.

J. D. K. Shields, Secretary.

GEN. SHERMAN'S ARMY.

Progress of the Campaign in Georgia—Sherman's Advance on Atlanta—Incidents, &c.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

CAMP OF THE TWENTIETH CORPS,
NEAR MARIETTA, Ga., Monday, June 20, 1864.

Deep in the mazes of a magnificent forest, south of Allatoona Mountain, where the army has halted for rest and supplies, the brave veterans under Hooker are bivouacked among lizards, snakes, and other indigenous reptiles, and are calmly waiting for the order to advance. Stretching far away to the right and left are comrades in arms belonging to the various corps composing this grand army. In a clump of pines crowning a slight eminence close at hand, stands the valiant Hooker, divested of coat and waistcoat, but undaunted in spirit and eager for action. It is hot—very hot,—and the rays of the sun which at mid-day are nearly vertical, are almost insupportable. More than one hundred miles have we driven the rebel army before us within thirty days. Our friends at the North must not be too fast or sanguine in tasking us with deeds of great magnitude. We have the combined forces of the Gulf States in our front, and an extremely long, crooked line of communication to the rear. The battle-cry of the enemy is, "Strike for your home and firesides, against an invading foe," and even cowards will listen to these potent words. Thus far, we have been very successful, but as we approach Atlanta obstacles accumulate. On the other hand our forces are constantly augmenting from the rear, and the spirits and temper of the army are fired by continued success.

As we draw near the Chattahoochie, clearings are more frequent, the soil improves, and evidences of a more enlightened cultivation abounds. Forest is, however, the prominent feature that greets the vision. Immense yellow pines, tall, straight and thickly planted, shoot upward one hundred feet or more, and suggest large quantities of beautiful flooring. Next come the oaks, magnificent fellows, too, and then a species of dark poplar, whose trunk resembles the Northern elm. These last are abundant, and valuable for the purposes for which we use the white pine of the North. Every clearing hereabouts has its rude storehouse for cotton, in which you will find the indispensable cotton gin, and outside, rearing its gibbet form conspicuously high, is the press in which bales are made.

Lying around one of these presses in an open field, as we advanced a few days since, we found twelve bales of cotton just turned out, apparently pressed in a hurry, as one was still left in the machine unbound. It was kind of the owner to prepare it for transportation, though he doubtless intended to carry it off himself.

Skirmishing is chronic and unceasing. Strategy is the order of the day. Since the 25th ult., when the general battle occurred near Dallas, there has been no time when the different corps were simultaneously engaged.

By the various changes made in our position we have placed Allatoona, with its natural fortress, behind us, and have made the position impregnable. Henceforth it will be our main depot for supplies, until we have crossed the Chattahoochie. We are now eight miles south of Allatoona, with our flanks on either side of the railroad.

The male population continue to flee from their homes as we aproroach. In some instances our troops have been guilty of entering houses and purloining therefrom such articles as they chose to take for their convenience or comfort. Such acts are disgraceful in the extreme, as well as demoralising to the soldier himself.

Several regiments attached to this army, who did not reënlist as veterans, will be mustered out of service and sent home within a few days. The aggregate will be small, and will not materially affect the strength of the army.

Thus far we have seen no cotton growing in Georgia—cultivated fields being planted with corn, with an occasional crop of wheat, now nearly ripened for the harvest. Peach trees are abundant and heavily laden with the young fruit.

Johnston's efforts to compel Sherman to attack him in front, when in strongly fortified positions among the mountains, have signally failed, and the policy of the latter seems to be very similar to that of Grant in Virginia.

The race of 100 miles has been an exciting one, but our progress forward henceforth will doubtless be more eventful. Prisoners inform us that Atlanta is full of women, children and negroes, who are all (excepting the latter,) filled with consternation at our approach. Reports are current among the rebel soldiery that reinforcements will soon reach them from Gen. Lee's army.

Of the probable truth of this rumor you can judge, although we are here of the opinion that Gen. Lee has pressing need of the services of all the troops he can collect. Once behind the fortifications of Richmond, he might possibly spare a few men to assist Johnston in his dilemma. For them, they will have little difficulty in finding us. NICKAJACK.

Johnston Changes his Mind—Kenesaw Mountain.

Correspondence of the Cincinnati Gazette.

ACKWORTH, Ga., Wednesday, June 8.

On the very day that Gen. Sherman reached Kingston, Gen. Johnston, at Cassville, only seven miles distant, issued the following battle order:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF TENNESSEE,
CASSVILLE, Ga., May 19, 1864.

General Orders.—Soldiers of the Army of Tennessee: You have displayed the highest qualities of the soldier—firmness in combat, patience under toil. By your courage and skill you have repulsed every assault of the enemy. By marches by day and marches by night, you have defeated every attempt upon your communications.

Your communications are secure. You will now turn to meet his advancing columns. Truly confident in the conduct of the officers, the courage of the soldiers, I lead you to battle. We may confidently trust that the Almight Father will still reward the patriot's toils and bless the patriot's banners.

Cheered by the success of our brothers in Virginia and beyond the Mississippi, our efforts will equal theirs. Strengthened by His support, those efforts will be crowned with like success.

(Signed) JOS. E. JOHNSTON, General.

Official—(Signed) Kinloch Falconer, A. A. G.

Big Shanty, Ga., Monday, June 13, 1864.

KENESAW MOUNTAIN.

An elevation perhaps half a mile in length on the summit, and extending from southeast to northwest, rises before McPherson's command frowningly at a distance of about half a mile from Big Shanty. It is Kenesaw Mountain. It is said that in the days when the Cherokees inhabited these lands, an Indian chief named Kenesaw, was accidentally killed on that mountain, and hence the name.

On the evening of the 10th McPherson's command came down the Marietta road from Acksworth to this place, which some of us were surprised to find was a railway station, and a village of some pretensions. It is not named on any table of distances which I have seen. The rebels are in force on and around Kenesaw Mountain; their first lines running along the base, and nearly parallel with the railroad and public road, which sweep around the northern face of the mountain in an easterly direction, turning southward then toward Marietta.

KINGSTON REPEATED.

Sherman's locomotives at Kingston whistled in the ears of the retreating Johnston. Here, on the 9th, a rebel train took away a load of wood from this station, and on the 10th they burned a little bridge in front of this place a half mile or so. On the 11th Sherman's train brought down the timbers already framed to rebuild the bridge. The train was distinctly in sight of the rebels on Kenesaw Mountain, and its whistle could be plainly heard. It must have been an encouraging sight to those of them who went to the trouble to burn the Etowah bridge. A citizen, of whom I asked why they did not more effectually destroy the railroad, said that Gov. Brown has protested against the destruction of what is State property, and, as he is not a very willing rebel, they yield the more to him, hoping to conciliate him. In no instance, I believe, are any depot buildings, tanks or the track injured. The road is in excellent order, and our trains can run on it better than on most of our Tennessee railroads.

The following string order from Gen. Sherman has just been published:

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, IN THE FIELD, NEAR DALLAS,
June 4, 1864.

General Field Orders, No. 17.—The attention of the General Commanding has been called to certain facts, which had already attracted his own attention, and concerning which he orders:

1. In case of skirmish or battle, the wounded must be brought off the field by musicians or non-combatants, distinguished by a badge of white cloth on the left arm. In no case, as long as firing continues, should an armed soldier abandon his command in battle to attend the wounded.—See Par. 734, Army Regulations.

2. Hospitals are too far in the rear of their corps or divisions; they should be kept up as close as possible, Etc., and covered by the shape of ground, and not by distance. The Surgeons in charge are responsible that slight wounds and shirking be not the cause of obtaining armed men about their hospitals. Each attendant should have at all times about his person the written authority which justifies his presence at the hospital, or in passing to and from the command to which his hospital belongs.

3. Straching, shirking, and straggling behind in time of danger, are each high detestable crimes and the General Commanding would hardly presume them possible, were it not for his own observation, and the report that at this moment soldiers are found loafing in the cabins, to the rear, as far back as Kingston. The only proper fate of such miscreants is that they be shot, as common enemies to their profession and country; and all officers and patrols sent back to arrest them, will shoot them without mercy on the slightest impedence or resistance. By thus wandering in the rear, they desert their fellows, who expose themselves in battle in the full faith that all on the rolls are present, and they expose themselves to capture and exchange of good soldiers, to which they have no title. It is hereby made the duty of every officer, who finds such skulkers, to deliver them to any Provost-Guard, regardless of corps, to be employed in menial or hard work, such as repairing roads, digging drains, sinks, &c. Officers, if found skulking, will be subjected to the same penalty as enlisted men, viz.: instant death, or the hardest labor and treatment. Absentees not accounted for, should always be mustered as deserters, to deprive them of their pay and bounties, reserved for honest soldiers.

4. All will be styled skulkers who are found in the rear, absent from their proper commands without written authority from their proper commander. Captains cannot give orders or passes beyond their regimental limits; Colonels beyond brigade limits, nor Brigadiers beyond division limits. The Commanding Generals of the three Departments alone can order officers or detachments, with or without wagons, back to Kingston or any other general depot.

5. If unarmed soldiers are found on horses or mules at a distance from their proper command or train, any cavalry escort, or patrol, will make prisoners of the men and appropriate the horse or mule to the use of the cavalry. Orderlies to general officers on duty will be easily recognized by bearing official orders or receipts for the same. But each general officer should provide his orderlies with an official detail, to be carried with him.

Horses or mules sent to forage or to graze should be sent by detachment with arms, and military organization, when they will always be respected.

6. Brigade and regimental Commanders are the proper officers to keep their officers and men to their places. The Commanding General will by his inspectors and in person give this matter full attention, and when the time comes for reports on which to base claims for reward and promotion, no officer having a loose straggling command need expect any favor.

7. The Commanding Generals of the three armies will make this order public, and organize at once guards and patrols to carry it into full effect. By order of Major-Gen. W. T. SHERMAN,

L. M. Dayton, Ald-de-Camp.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF TENNESSEE, IN THE FIELD, NEAR NEW HOPE CHURCH,
June 4, 1864.

The above order will be read at least three times, to every regiment, battery, and detachment of this command. By order of Maj.-Gen. McPHERSON.

William T. Clark, A. A. G.
Official: J. W. Barnes, A. A. G.

Reported Successes Achieved by Gen. Hooker.

The following reports, which are published in the Nashville *Union*, of June 21, are undoubtedly greatly exaggerated, or Gen. Sherman would long ago have advised us of the news:

"We have just received information that on the 16th Hooker attacked Lost Mountain and carried a portion of the rebel works, capturing over 1,000 prisoners and 12 cannon. About 400 of the prisoners are here now, and others are expected soon.

"The position captured by Hooker, and he now holds it, is of the highest importance, as it is on the extreme left of the rebels, and opens the way for a flank movement which, hitherto, has been extremely difficult. If he succeeds in driving the rebels from their works entirely, they can be flanked with ease, and compelled to evacuate their present strong, and, we may add, last position, for they can make no successful stand south of it. If they cannot hold their present works, they can have little hope of making a stand anywhere.

"Schofield, at the same time, attacked and captured Pine Hill, a height and between the Lost and Kenesaw Mountains, from the top of which Sherman counted the houses in Marietta. The rebels were driven from their works at the point of the bayonet, and many were captured. This position was subsequently abandoned by our forces.

"The reason for the abandonment of the hill, was that: Until Lost Mountain was entirely in our possession, our troops would be constantly exposed to a galling fire, both from the right and the left, which could be no other than very destructive. It is, perhaps, the weakest point in the rebel lines, and will fall into our hands without a struggle, when we get possession of Lost Mountain.

A large number of small arms were picked up on the field, thrown down by the routeing rebels. Of the number we have no accurate information.

A note stuck on a bayonet, found on the field, bore the following inscription: "You d—d Yankee s—s of b—hs have killed our old Gen. Polk."

We have no estimate of the killed and wounded on either side, but presume it was large. The advantages gained are substantial, and must lead to others of still greater importance.

The rebel lines are very strong, extending from Lost Mountain to Black Jack Mountain, thus covering both Marietta and the railroad. There are rumors of a battle on the 18th, but we have received no confirmation of it.

The following is a list of the captured officers who have arrived: Col. D. R. Hundley, 31st Alabama Infantry; Capt. L. W. Vick, 31st Alabama Infantry; Capt. E. Thompson, 31st Alabama Infantry; Second Lieut. G. M. English, 31st Alabama Infantry; Second Lieut. E. C. Teague, 31st Alabama Infantry; Second Lieut. John T. Adams, 31st Alabama Infantry; Second Lieut. C. T. Brown, 31st Alabama Infantry; Second Lieut. L. S. Bradford, 31st Alabama Infantry; Second Lieut. J. A. Wright, 31st Alabama Infantry; Second Lieut. S. K. Hedges, 31st Alabama Infantry; First Lieut. Wm. Haynes, 31st Alabama Infantry; Capt. A. M. Moore, 40th Alabama Infantry; Capt. Hiram Gantt, 40th Alabama Infantry; First Lieut. R. E. R. Heck, 40th Alabama Infantry; First Lieut. W. B. Binham, 40th Alabama Infantry; First Lieut. W. B. Shaver, 40th Alabama Infantry; Second Lieut. John Moore, 40th Alabama Infantry; Second Lieut. E. H. Ward, 40th Alabama Infantry; Second Lieut. B. B. Sander, 40th Alabama Infantry; Second Lieut. W. N. Goin, Jr., 40th Alabama Infantry; First Lieut. John D. McGill, 48th Tennessee Infantry; Second Lieut. S. R. Stewart, 17th Alabama Infantry; Second Lieut. John B. Davis, 40th Mississippi Infantry.

Laura.—A gentleman who left the front on Friday evening arrived here yesterday P. M. He reports a heavy battle on our right on Friday, and that the losses on both sides were very great. Of the result he knew nothing. Large numbers of wounded were being brought back to Big Shanty.

GEN. SWEENY THANKS HIS TROOPS.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION SEVENTEENTH ARMY CORPS, IN THE FIELD, NEAR DALLAS, GA.,
June, 3, 1864.

General Orders No. 15—The General Commanding takes this opportunity of again extending his thanks to the troops under his command for their gallant and meritorious conduct in repulsing the enemy's assaults of our lines on the afternoon of the 28th ultimo, as also repelling the repeated assaults of the enemy during the night of the 29th ultimo. During the engagement of the 28th ultimo, the men of the Second Iowa and Sixty-sixth Indiana Volunteers held the front of the with the most determined spirit of valor and heroism, while the same may be said of the troops composing the Second Brigade, (the Twelfth and Sixty-sixth Illinois and Eighty-first Ohio Infantry Vols.,) during the midnight assaults on the 29th ult. The second line, composed of the Fifty-second Illinois and Seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry—though not engaged on this occasion—were ready to aid their comrades in front if they needed it, or for any other emergency that might arise, their valor being too well known to be doubted for a moment.

Without signal mention of any regiment at this time, it is sufficient for the brave troops of this command, for their country and for their friends, to know that their commanding officer feels proud of their gallant conduct, their endurance and promptness during the successive days, in which they were engaged with the enemy.

Too much credit cannot be given to the officers and men of Battery B, First Missouri Light Artillery, who were at no time absent from their post, and fought their battery with the utmost coolness and determination.

By order of T. W. SWEENY,
Brigadier-General Commanding.

L. B. Eyers, Captain and A. A. G.

The Difficulties of Gen. Sherman's Advance.

From the Cincinnati Times, June 20.

It is stated by those who know that the movement of Gen. Sherman from Dallas to his present position has proved one of the most difficult of his advance. Operating in a rugged and wooded country, possessing superior advantages for defence, in front, in a great measure, of its topography, he is compelled to advance with the utmost caution in the face of an active enemy watching to take advantage of his superior acquaintance with the theatre of operations.

Though there has been no very heavy engagement since that of the 25th of May, our army has been harassed by the almost incessant skirmishing with which the enemy has sought to disconcert its movements. The incessant picket firing by day, interspersed with the shouting of our camps, batteries and trains, has been succeeded by frequent night attacks, which have lasted our troops with less of sleep—making a still further drain upon energies exhausted by marching and the fatiguing duties of the campaign. Fortunately, the supplies continue abundant, the possession of the railroads enabling Gen. Sherman to bring up supplies largely in advance of his actual necessities.

A New District in Gen. Sherman's Division.

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF THE ETOWAH,
CHATTANOOGA, June 15, 1864.

General Orders, No. 1.—1. Pursuant to paragraph 1, Special Field Order No. 23, Military Division of the Mississippi, dated June 3, 1864, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the district of the Etowah, comprised as follows: Of the country from Bridgeport to Allatoona, including Cleveland, Rome and the country east as far as controlled by the Federal troops.

2. The reports and returns of the effective and aggregate strength of the several commands and detachments now garrisoning the district will be made to these headquarters, as required by existing orders; but this order will not relieve such commanding officers from making regular returns and reports to their respective superior commanders as heretofore.

3. Capt. S. B. Moe, Assistant-Adjutant-General of Volunteers, is announced as Assistant-Adjutant-General on duty at these headquarters. He will be respected accordingly.

(Official.) JAMES B. STEEDMAN,
Major-General.

Execution of Guerrillas.

FOUR REBELS HUNG IN NASHVILLE.

From the Nashville Union, June 18.

Five men were hung yesterday at the State Prison. They were tried and sentenced by a Military Commission at Tullahoma, last March, Col. E. A. Cahnor, of the Thirteenth New-Jersey, acting as President of the Commission. They were charged and found guilty as follows:

William P. Lemmond, citizen, charged first, with murder; second, assault with intent to kill; third, robbery.

Cyrus Lee Cathey, citizen, charges the same as the foregoing.

Jesse B. Nerson, citizen, same charges.

Thomas R. Wade, citizen, same charges, and also with guerrilla-ing.

Benjamin F. Wade, citizen, murder and robbery.

After a fair hearing, the prisoners were convicted and sentenced to death. The findings and sentences were approved by the General Commanding, and by the President, who directed that the prisoners be executed on the 17th of June, 1864.

Lemmond was a native of Lincoln County, Tenn., and has a mother, one sister and two brothers living there. He was a tall, handsome built man, with a powerful frame, light-blue eyes, and rather a pleasant countenance. He was at one time a member of the Seventeenth Mississippi rebel regiment, and was captured a year ago.

Cathey was a native of North Carolina, but was raised in this State. His mother and the remainder of the family reside in Lincoln County. He leaves a widow and one child. Before the war he bore an unblemished reputation. He had served in the rebel army, as a private in the Forty-fourth Tennessee, and was wounded at Calekamauga. He was a fine-looking man.

Nerson was a native of Marshall County, Ala. His father and sister reside in Lincoln County. He was formerly a member of the Thirty-second (rebel) Tennessee Regiment. He was captured last Summer. He was by no means a wicked-looking man; on the contrary, he had rather an amiable face.

Thos. R. Wade was a native of Lincoln County, and only eighteen years of age. He was a steady, built boy, with blue eyes and light hair; and formerly a member of Thirty-second (rebel) Tennessee Regiment. His mother, brother and two sisters live in Lincoln County.

Benj. F. Wade, was a cousin of Thomas R., and also a native of Lincoln County. He has a mother, two brothers and two sisters residing in Marshall County, Tenn. He was a member of Forrest's cavalry, at the time he participated in the inhuman deed which cost him his life. He was a man of prepossessing appearance, had fine dark eyes, and a round symmetrical form, a model of manly physical developement.

For upward of a fortnight previous to their execution, the prisoners exhibited much concern touching the preparations for their future state. They were attended in their religious exercises by Rev. J. W. Mason, of Lebanon, Ohio, and Rev. J. J. Thurman, of Hamilton, Ohio. Cathey and Nerson, in particular, were sincere and devout; whilst Lemmond and Benjamin Wade were baptized several days ago. Cathey's wife and child remained with him the night before the execution.

Preparations were made for the execution previous to 9 o'clock A. M., yesterday. Major Sherman and Capt. Tarbe were the officers detailed by Col. Horn to carry into effect the sentence of the Commission. In front of the Penitentiary were drawn up several companies of the Thirty-first Wisconsin, while square of the same regiment surrounded the institution to repress any undue excitement. The scaffold was erected in a little yard to the left of the main entrance, and was surrounded by about a hundred men of the Thirty-first Wisconsin, in command of Col. Ward.

The arrangements for the execution were excellent throughout, thanks to the wisdom and humane promptings of our efficient Provost-Marshal, and but a small number of spectators were present. But very few were there who went simply to gratify a prurient curiosity.

A few minutes after 10½ o'clock the culprits ascended the terrible platform, accompanied by their spiritual advisers, a squad of soldiers, and the officers who had charge of the execution. They all walked up to the scaffold with firmness, and stood side by side, evidently with slight emotion, and immediately gave themselves up to religious exercises.

After the usual ceremonies, on such occasions, the process of binding their hands and limbs commenced; in a short time all was arranged, and the fatal ropes were adjusted around their necks. The moment Cathey felt the rope about his neck, he betrayed uneasiness, soon became unconscious, and sunk down as far as the rope permitted. This painful episode, coupled with increasing stoicism on the part of his companions—excepting perhaps, Nerson, who, though firm, gave every exhibition of penitence—produced a sensation not soon to be forgotten.

Each of the men made a few remarks, the tenor of which was an asseveration of their innocence. Cathey and Nerson earnestly declared they were not guilty of the crimes imputed to them; but added that they were willing to die and felt assured of immortal happiness. Lemmond could merely assert his innocence, in broken accents, but was otherwise calm and resigned. The two Wades, as the scene was prolonged, grew more bold, and less penitent, and after asserting their freedom from guilt, stated that they were but honest rebel soldiers, affirmed their belief in the justness of the rebel cause, and said they would die true rebel soldiers.

At precisely 11 o'clock, the white caps were drawn over their heads; the

The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 1864.

THE REBELLION.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

GENERAL NEWS.

The case of WILLIAM CARTER drew several crowds to the Marine Court, and at last drew the parties noted in this paper, was now decided in favor of the defendant, Dr. BAKER, with $10 costs.

The District Attorney has determined to put the Cooper-Clancy libel suit over until Fall, on account of the press of other business upon the Court of General Sessions.

The General Term of the Superior Court have again rendered the judgment rendered at Trial Term in the Metcalf libel suit against the Express. The case has already been twice tried, and many times reported, and it must now be tried again. The opinion on reversal will be found in the law column.

The following officers have been sent up from Washington to Annapolis: Capt. H. A. MCINTOSH, A. A. G., Second Division, 9th Corps; Maj. FREDERIC COOPER, late Assistant Surgeon 1st Ill. Cavalry; Col. J. L. CHAMBERLAIN, 20th Maine; Maj. G. W. METCALF, 19th Pennsylvania; Capt. E. P. MARTIN, late 20th Pennsylvania; Capt. J. H. LAMBIN, A. A. G. 1st Col. Infantry; Capt. D. S. MAINHOW, 107th Pennsylvania; Lieut.-Col. S. S. MASON, 21st Pennsylvania Cavalry; Capt. W. I. DEXTER, 84th Illinois; Col. J. P. PATTEN, 1st Pennsylvania Militia; Lieut.-Col. JAMES ORMSBY, 65th New-York; Capt. JOHN S. BOLTON, 1st Pennsylvania Militia; Capt. E. M. MCDONALD, 4th Delaware; Capt. E. L. HAMMOND, 161st New-York; Surgeon S. A. INGRAM, 153d New-York; Maj. O. D. GILLIS, 31st Pennsylvania Cavalry; Col. A. E. GRISWOLD, 4th Maine; Capt. S. O. BEAN, 60th Maine.

On Mrs. POLLOCK'S table, in the Philadelphia Sanitary Fair, may be seen the original Declaration of Independence, copied by JEFFERSON DAVIS, and carefully and appropriately dedicated by the fair donor to the cause of Secession. The document is framed in ebony, and covered with glass. It is the most conspicuous object in the room, and moved out of sight only when the table is required for the display of articles. The album is about twelve inches square, and is dedicated to two hundred fair contributors. The cover presents a series of embossed pictures in silver, gems and royal purple in costly style, and is the most valuable of the kind in the world. It is finished in the most elaborate manner, and appropriately dedicated to the cause of Secession

The Atlanta Intelligencer of the 26th inst. says:

Gen. Sherman's army is now encamped in the vicinity of Atlanta, and the work of repairing the railroad is progressing rapidly. The depot at Atlanta is nearly completed, and the cars will run into the city in a few days. Gen. Sherman has established his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Hood, on Peachtree street. Gen. Howard's headquarters are in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Hardee, on Pryor street. Gen. Slocum's headquarters are in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Hood, on Marietta street. Gen. Thomas has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Johnston, on Peachtree street. Gen. Logan has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Cheatham, on Decatur street. Gen. Blair has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Walker, on Whitehall street. Gen. Kilpatrick has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Wheeler, on Marietta street. Gen. Davis has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Cleburne, on Marietta street. Gen. Jeff. C. Davis has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Bate, on Marietta street. Gen. Morgan has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Stewart, on Marietta street. Gen. Ransom has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Lewis, on Marietta street. Gen. Corse has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Gardner, on Marietta street. Gen. Osterhaus has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Maney, on Marietta street. Gen. Dodge has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Govan, on Marietta street. Gen. Veatch has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Gist, on Marietta street. Gen. Leggett has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Mercer, on Marietta street. Gen. Hazen has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Pettus, on Marietta street. Gen. Fuller has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Pillow, on Marietta street. Gen. Wood has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Brown, on Marietta street. Gen. Harker has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Manigault, on Marietta street. Gen. Smith has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Walthall, on Marietta street. Gen. Sweeny has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Featherston, on Marietta street. Gen. Kilpatrick has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Wheeler, on Marietta street. Gen. Davis has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Cleburne, on Marietta street. Gen. Jeff. C. Davis has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Bate, on Marietta street. Gen. Morgan has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Stewart, on Marietta street. Gen. Ransom has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Lewis, on Marietta street. Gen. Corse has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Gardner, on Marietta street. Gen. Osterhaus has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Maney, on Marietta street. Gen. Dodge has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Govan, on Marietta street. Gen. Veatch has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Gist, on Marietta street. Gen. Leggett has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Mercer, on Marietta street. Gen. Hazen has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Pettus, on Marietta street. Gen. Fuller has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Pillow, on Marietta street. Gen. Wood has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Brown, on Marietta street. Gen. Harker has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Manigault, on Marietta street. Gen. Smith has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Walthall, on Marietta street. Gen. Sweeny has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Featherston, on Marietta street. Gen. Kilpatrick has his headquarters in the house formerly occupied by Gen. Wheeler, on Marietta street.

AN EXTRAORDINARY ABORTION CASE.

A Young Lady Attempts to Destroy the Vitality of Her Unborn Child.

Examination of Miss Meacham.

The case of the Sister of Commissioner Wm. Meacham, of Williamsburgh, who is charged with attempting upon herself the crime of abortion, was brought before Justice Dodge, at the Tombs Police Court, on Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock.

Miss Meacham was accompanied to the Police Court by her father, Commissioner Meacham, and her counsel, Mr. Hall.

Mr. Meacham, Jr., was also present.

Miss Meacham is a young lady of prepossessing appearance, and is apparently about twenty-two years of age.

Mr. Hall, her counsel, said that he was not prepared to proceed with the case, as he had not had sufficient time to prepare the defence.

Mr. Meacham, Jr., said that he was present when his sister was taken ill, and that he had called in Dr. Thompson, who had attended her.

Dr. Thompson was then called to the witness stand, and testified that he had been called to see Miss Meacham on the 15th of June, and found her suffering from the effects of abortion. He had asked her if she had taken anything to produce abortion, and she had replied that she had taken a dose of ergot. She had also taken a dose of cotton root. She had been under the influence of chloroform when he arrived, and was unconscious. He had remained with her for about two hours, and had then left her in charge of a nurse. He had called on her the next day, and found her suffering from the effects of the drugs she had taken. He had also called on her on the 17th, and found her in a very critical condition. He had then informed her father that she was in a dangerous condition, and that he thought it would be necessary to call in another physician. He had called on her on the 18th, and found her in a very critical condition. He had then called in Dr. Hunt, and had left her in charge of him and the nurse. He had called on her on the 19th, and found her in a very critical condition. He had then informed her father that he thought it would be necessary to call in another physician. He had called on her on the 20th, and found her in a very critical condition. He had then informed her father that he thought it would be necessary to call in another physician. He had called on her on the 21st, and found her in a very critical condition. He had then informed her father that he thought it would be necessary to call in another physician. He had called on her on the 22d, and found her in a very critical condition. He had then informed her father that he thought it would be necessary to call in another physician. He had called on her on the 23d, and found her in a very critical condition. He had then informed her father that he thought it would be necessary to call in another physician. 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MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Closing at the Stock Exchange—June 25, 1864.

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
U. S. 6-20s, 1868	113	113½	Mich. Central	120	120⅝
U. S. 5-20s, c. 1865	105½	105¾	Mich. Southern	88	89⅜
U. S. Coupons	105¾	106⅛	Illinois Cen	132½	133
U. S. 7-30s, Aug.	104½	104⅝	Reading	141⅝	141¾
U. S. 7-30s, June	103⅜	103½	Fort Wayne	113½	113⅝
U. S. 7-30s, July	103⅜	103½	Rock Island	114½	115
Pacific Mail	270	285	Reading	140¾	141⅜
Canton	78½	80	Quicksilver	74¾	75
Tenn. Cop. & Iron	98¾	99¼	Cum'land Coal	72	72
Toledo	145¾	146⅛	Mariposa	82½	83¾
Galena	97½	97¾	N. West Pref	90¾	90
Chic. & Mis. C.	68	68½	Ohio & Miss. L. O.	65	66
Chic. & N. W.	63½	63¾	Ill. Cen. Scrip		131⅝
Chic. & N. W. Pref	85	85½	Ohio Div	99½	100
Chic. & N. W. Sc. Ins	128½	129	Chic. & Mis. Div		101⅜
Chic. & Mis. L. G.	95	96	Chic. & Mis. Scrip		101⅜
Chic. & R. I.	97⅛	97¾	Chic. & Mis. R. R.		113⅜
Del., L. & W.	265	268	Galena Div		114
Cum. Coal Co. Pref	73½	74	Galena Scrip		114⅛
Canton Co	79½	80	Galena Bonds		115
Quick. R. Co.	95	96	Chic. & Mil.		114
Penn. Coal Co.	812	820	Chic. & Mil. Scrip		114⅜
Quick. R. Co.	94¾	95	Chic. & Mil. Bonds		115
Del., L. & W.	74¾	75	Chic. Col. & Cin. R.		105
Del., L. & W. Scrip	74½	75	Chic. & N. W.		63¾
Del., L. & W. Bonds	94½	95	Chic. & N. W. Pref		85
Del., L. & W. Pref	94	95	Chic. & N. W. Sc. Ins		128
Del., L. & W. Scrip	94	95	Chic. & R. I.		115
Del., L. & W. Bonds	101	101½	Chic. & R. I. Scrip		115
Cleveland & Pitts.	87½	88	Chic. & R. I. Bonds		115
Cleveland & Tol.	128	128½	Chic. & Rock Isl.		114⅝
Clev. & Pitts. R.	113⅜	113½	Chic. & Rock Isl. Scrip		114⅝
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Clev. & Pitts. Bonds	114⅛	114¼	Mil. & P. du Chien		116
Clev. & Pitts. Sc.	113⅜	113½	Mil. & P. du Chien Scrip		116
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Clev. & Tol. R.	115	115½	Mil. & Chic. Exc.		123
Clev. & Tol. Scrip	115	115½	Mil. & Chic. Scrip		111
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Clev. & Tol. S. F.	115	115½	Mil. & Chic. Sc. Bonds		111
New J. C.	103	104	Mil. & Chic. Sc. Scrip		111
N. J. C. Scrip	104	104½	Mil. & Chic. Sc. Bonds		111
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Pitts. Ft. W. & C.	120	120½	Mil. & Chic. Sc. Bonds		111
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propriating this money for colonizing blacks in Western Texas.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Maryland, (Union,) said we needed the labor of negroes. He did not agree with the gentleman from Kansas.

Mr. LANE, of Kansas, asked the Senator (JOHNSON) if, after a Southern State had returned into allegiance, the blacks could remain in familiar intercourse with their former masters?

Mr. JOHNSON replied that those who were free in the past had not only been allowed to remain, but were protected.

Mr. HOOK, of Me., (Union,) said he wished to raise the voice of warning to those on the other side of the chamber who were determined to ring in and wake up the negro on every occasion. Senators talked as though the rebellion was put down—or was it the hoping that the Democratic party was to gain the ascendency and restore the country to peace? He was an original Democrat, but that he should affiliate with the present Democratic party, God forbid. It was a question which would be a greater affliction, the success of the rebellion or the resurrection of the Democratic party. The Constitutional Convention of his State had just voted to abolish Slavery, an act at which no one was more gratified than himself, but he bored Senators would hereafter talk of something besides the negro.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. HARRIS, of Iowa, (Union,) offered an amendment, appropriating $3,794 to pay for the contributions to the Agricultural Report for 1861 remaining unpaid by the Commissioner of Patents.

The appropriation was adopted.

Mr. HARRIS offered an amendment uniting New-Mexico with Arizona in one district, with one Surveyor-General, and Idaho and Nevada with the Colorado District, and Dacotah with Montana.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill being reported from the Committee on the Whole, the amendments were considered in open Senate and agreed to.

Mr. SUMNER asked for a separate vote on the amendment repealing one provision of the law regulating the importation of slaves into any part of the United States.

The amendment was adopted by yeas 23, nays 14, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Anthony, Brown, Chandler, Clark, Conness, Dixon, Doolittle, Fessenden, Foot, Harlan, Harris, Howard, Howe, Lane of Kansas, Morgan, Morrill, Pomeroy, Sprague, Sumner, Ten Eyck, Wade, Wilkinson, Wilson, Yates—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Buckalew, Carlile, Hendricks, Hicks, Johnson, Lane of Indiana, Powell, Powell, Richardson, Saulsbury, Sherman, Trumbull, Van Winkle, Willey, Wright—14.

The bill was then passed by a vote of 32 yeas to 4 nays, Messrs. Carlile, Hendricks, Powell and Saulsbury.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Indiana, (Dem.,) moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the Conference Committee on the Tax Bill was agreed to.

The report having been sent to the House, and having been there concurred in, the motion was declared out of order under the rules.

On motion of Mr. HARRIS, of New-York, (Union,) the bill relative to the collection of taxes in insurrectionary districts was taken up, when on motion of Mr. WILSON the Senate went into executive session at 5:30 P. M., and subsequently adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, June 25.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The House passed the bill amendatory of the Pacific Railroad Act by a vote of 70 against 57.

It removes some of the restrictions in the original statute, with a view to facilitate the construction of the road.

THE ENROLLMENT BILL.

The House then resumed the consideration of the House bill further regulating and providing for the enrolling and calling out of the National forces and for other purposes.

Mr. SCHENCK, of Ohio, (Union,) offered a substitute for the bill, which he explained dispensed with the conscription entirely, leaving the law in relation to substitutes now in force.

It provides that the President, in his discretion, may order a draft for not more than three per cent. each one year.

Any person volunteering or offering as a substitute for a drafted man, and mustered into the service for one year, unless sooner discharged, shall receive a bounty of $100; and if for a term of two years, a bounty of $200; and if for a term of three years, a bounty of $300—one-half of which bounty shall be paid to the soldier at the time of his being mustered into the service, one-fourth at the expiration of one-half of his term of service, and one-fourth at the end of his term of service; and in case of his death when in the service, the residue of his bounty shall be paid to his legal representatives, and in case he is honorably discharged from wounds or sickness incurred in the service, he shall receive the whole bounty.

Among other provisions, it permits drafted men, substitutes or volunteers, to elect the companies or corps of their respective States into which they will go.

The Secretary of War is required to discharge any minor who enlists without the consent of his parents or guardians.

It also permits soldiers to be obtained from the States in rebellion, to be incorporated with the regiments of the loyal States procuring them.

Mr. SCHENCK, in conclusion, said that the rebellion must be put down—if not now, hereafter; if not in ten years, in twenty years—no matter how long the war will last. If peace should be made to-day on compromise, every sensible man must know it would not last sixty days. If we recognize this Southern Confederacy as a distinct nationality, we live in daily dread of it on the other, with a border from the Pacific to the Gulf of Mexico—we may expect murder, assassination, war, murder, robbery, and everything else. Nothing but the putting down of the rebellion could assure peace. He had sometimes said, and now repeated, that although the war was not prosecuted for the destruction of Slavery, yet such would be the consequence. No peace could be made on any other terms than that this should be a Republican Government throughout all the States. There could be no peace but by submitting to the Constitution, and by putting an end to Slavery. He would no more think of procuring peace without it than he would of healing the leprosy by covering it with a silk glove. To cover it there by leaving the ball in then he would by retaining Slavery to fester and irritate the body politic.

Mr. ODELL, of New-York, (Dem.,) was opposed to the repeal of the commutation clause. The people had received that provision with favor. In his own State many citizens had relieved themselves from three years' service by the payment each of $300, and they had certificates to that effect in their pockets. But by the substitute of the gentleman from Ohio (SCHENCK) other citizens are to be deprived of similar privilege. There should be no such discrimination. Congress should so legislate that the people may understand the laws for the stated principle and purpose. He was not one who lashed that gentleman in his anxiety to fill the army. His State was first in the war, and would be the last out of it. But there was a better way than that now proposed, and he believed that by volunteering and enlistments with the bounty, we can get all the men we want. It is deep in the hearts of the people that the Government in the prosecution of this war shall be sustained, and the Democratic party, to which he belonged, is not behind the other in accomplishing this desirable purpose. We are in for the war, whether the contest shall continue for long or short. New-York and the other northern States will sustain the Government in carrying it on.

Mr. ENGLE, of Ohio, (Union,) said if Congress should persist in retaining the commutation clause, our armies will not be adequately filled, and the rebellion could not be put down during the term of this Congress or under this Administration. He referred to the example of England in raising troops, and if this was not sufficient to stimulate ourselves, we should take a lesson from what our fathers did in the Revolutionary War. We have not done as much as they did, by a long shot, and in view of the relative circumstances of the country. We shall not rise to the height of the occasion till the representatives of the people rise and meet them in the way the people of the country will meet them. The example by England and our revolutionary fathers, we should take example by our enemies. He was free to say they fought well and were Americans. Shall we put into the war with the desperation and abandonment of our foes we shall not succeed. Perhaps life, everything, they have plucked up by the roots and flung into the contest. Volunteering and drafting were resorted to during the revolutionary war. We have a right to force men into the field. He contended we have to strike out the commutation clause, which was a stumbling block, and thus they would give us an army, victory and peace.

Mr. MALLORY, of Kentucky, (Dem.,) repeated what he said on a former occasion, namely, that the policy of resorting to conscription instead of volunteering was adopted when the Government could not. In the Spring of 1861 volunteering was progressing so rapidly that the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs (WILSON) said it must stop, and it was stopped by the Government. At the commencement of the war it was conducted on the principle that if those engaged in rebellion would lay down their arms they should enjoy their constitutional rights intact. There was then no lack of volunteers who rallied to the defence of the flag. It was the factious meeting of the Governors at Altoona, which operated upon the President and induced him to change the policy and substitute a new one, which has failed, and which fact the Republicans admit. He replied to Mr. GARFIELD, contending that the power to conscript was never exercised during the Revolutionary War, or the War of 1812. Men were not then forced to become soldiers in the army. It was reserved for this Congress to make service in this way, after volunteering, which progressed so rapidly, had been stopped. All know that the effort to procure men by drafting is a failure, and now it was proposed to put the iron hand of oppression on our own people, as we do on those of the South. The day of reckoning is approaching. If the people are not interfered with, they will hurl the present party from power, saying, sweep, we never knew you," and they will place instead those who respect the rights of the people. He contended that the policy of enlisting negroes into the military service had caused a loss of ten white men for every negro that was recruited. He said that the attempt which had been made to make out the negro a better soldier than the white man, was founded upon less disinterested motives, manufactured for the purpose, which the facts, when investigated, would not sustain.

Mr. MALLORY read a letter from Gen. BLENKER to show that the dispatch read some time ago in the House by Mr. BLAINE, of Maine, misrepresenting the valor of the negro troops, was founded in error—that so far from showing any bravery the negroes fled in terror, and were confined to the rear.

Mr. BLAINE, of Maine, (Union,) said the gentleman (MALLORY) would acquit him of having wilfully endeavored to deceive the House. He had merely read the dispatch received here, and he would say he had been informed that the negro troops employed in Egypt were as good as white ones.

Mr. MALLORY said that those troops were not negroes, and he repeated that black troops never could be equal to white soldiers.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, (Union,) made a report from the Committee of Conference on the Internal Revenue Bill.

Mr. MORRILL explained that the tax remains a dollar a barrel on ale; on spirits, from and after the 1st of July to the 1st of February, one dollar and fifty cents, and after that, two dollars a gallon; on coal, three per centum instead of five; and on express companies receipts three instead of two and a half per centum. The income tax is so arranged that all incomes not above $5,000 per annum are to be taxed five per centum, and not exceeding $10,000, seven and a half per centum, and over $10,000 ten per centum. The bank tax is fixed at one per centum on circulation and one-half per centum on capital, and one-half per centum on deposits, and two per centum on all circulation above ninety per cent.

These were the principal points explained.

The House concurred in the report.

Mr. SCHENCK, in reply to Mr. WASHBURNE, said that the Committee on Ways and Means had very little business before them.

Mr. WASHBURNE remarked that he was informed by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance that if we got through the amendments to the Tariff Bill to-day, Congress could adjourn on Thursday next.

THE ENROLLMENT BILL AGAIN.

Mr. SCHENCK asked that the vote on the bill the further to regulate and provide for enrolling and calling out the National forces, which had been under consideration to-day, be taken on Monday next.

Mr. COX moved that the bill and the pending amendments be laid on the table.

Motion disagreed to by 56 against 79.

The House then refused to order the main question, by a vote of 53 against 74.

The effect of the last vote was to resume the consideration of the subject.

Mr. DAWES, of Massachusetts, (Union,) replied to the part of Mr. MALLORY'S remarks referring to that State. Although Massachusetts had frequently been brought before the House, till the members were tired of it, the House would bear witness that her members had not brought this subject here. He wished to put Massachusetts right on the record.

Mr. MALLORY said that he had never slandered Massachusetts, but had spoken only of her Governor.

Mr. DAWES referred to official figures to show that Massachusetts has a surplus of 5,000 men. Thus it would be seen that Massachusetts is not, as had been charged, behind her quota. As long as there is a life left or a dollar to spend she will do all that duty required.

Mr. COX, of Ohio, asked what proportion of the troops from Massachusetts were colored men enlisted in Maryland, Ohio, Canada, and Washington?

Mr. DAWES replied that the estimates did not include colored men enlisted since the 1st of April.

Mr. BOTTS said he would withhold his vote for the repeal of the commutation clause in deference to what he supposed to be the public sentiment. As in Massachusetts, she has met substantially every call of the President for troops. She does not desire by a rigid conscription to give offense to her citizens or to the country. So far as the war can be prosecuted vigorously and with reasonable hope of success, Massachusetts will aid all in her power. He said he happened to know that the design to issue the Emancipation Proclamation was precedent to the meeting of the Governors at Altoona, and therefore these Governors had nothing to do with it.

Mr. PENDLETON, of Ohio, (Dem.,) asked whether he understood the gentleman (BOTTS) to say that the proclamation was not dependent on the meeting of any set of men?

Mr. BOTTS remarked that when he took the floor he specifically stated that he would not be put on the witness stand. He had made the declaration, and was willing to stand by it, that the decree of emancipation is eternal on the continent. Kentucky, of all the States, should have been for the Union, but, in the hour of trial, she bowed her knee to Slavery. She has rendered herself a subject of pity to the people of this continent and of the world. She had his sympathies.

Mr. MALLORY (interrupting) said that he met the remarks of the gentleman (BOTTS) with scorn—he denounced and despised them. (Loud cries of "Order.")

Mr. BOTTS said he had still hopes that Kentucky would redeem herself.

Mr. MALLORY again interrupted Mr. BOTTS, and was again loudly called to order.

Mr. MALLORY said he would defend his State even in Heaven itself.

Mr. BOTTS remarked that some of the sons of Kentucky were true to liberty, supported the Union and the Constitution, and were against the institution of Slavery.

Mr. FERNANDO WOOD, of New-York, (Dem.,) here obtained the floor, but yielded to Mr. MALLORY.

Mr. MALLORY said it ill became the member from Massachusetts (BOUTWELL) to denounce the institution of Slavery, in the full blaze of the fact that as a Democrat he was the most violent pro-Slavery man to be found, and advocated the rendering up of fugitive slaves to those whom he now regarded as infamous scoundrels in the Slave States. (Laughter.) But the member (BOUTWELL) had sold himself to the enemies of Slavery, and he supposed for a price. Now, however, the member (BOUTWELL) got up and denounced Slavery as one of the direst crimes ever perpetrated; and those who own slaves as sinners and miscreants. He (MALLORY) had always heard that one renegade was worse than ten Turks, and this one renegade was worse than ten of the old Abolitionists.

Mr. FERNANDO WOOD, of New-York, then rose to speak. He said that it amounted to very little what this House should do on the subject of conscription. The whole principle is anti-republican and anti-American, and when force is resorted to, the fundamental principle of Republican Government, viz., the assent of the people, is violated. The law which will succeed to amend is a failure. He repeated that until some government or administration shall adopt the policy of reconstruction and concession, and return to the principles on which the Government is founded, we will go on from one expedient to another in a down-hill course, to disruption, destruction and disintegration. Until the olive branch is extended we cannot have peace, and peace must be reached through the civil, and not the military department. He would lay down his life and all that he held dear, to restore the Union and the Constitution, and it was because he was in favor of the Union that he was opposed to the war. War is disunion, annihilation and destruction. Already there has been expended more blood and treasure than could be accumulated together again for twenty-five years, and the fact that laws of this character are resorted to, show that the people are against the war. In his opinion all the States in the Union can be once more gathered together without the firing of another gun or the shedding of another drop of blood. Mr. WOOD then proceeded to prove his assertion by referring to the unanimous address of the members of the Confederate Congress, in which they said they were willing for peace on terms consistent with the honor, integrity and independence of the States, and compatible with the safety of their domestic institutions. He also referred to other Southern authorities. In conclusion, Mr. WOOD said that no party could succeed in the Presidential election that does not meet this issue fairly, squarely and bravely. Had he the power, he would put two candidates in the field—one for war, and the other for negotiation and reconstructing the Union—and he would forfeit all his present and future prosperity and possessions if the peace candidate did not receive an overwhelming majority. And these he had expressed independent of all parties.

Mr. SPEAKER, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) said they had heard enough of this circus, which was a disgrace to the House and to the country. He would call them to order.

The Speaker reminded the House of the duty to preserve order.

Mr. KERNAN, of New-York, (Dem.,) in replying to Mr. WOOD, said: One of the misfortunes of all civil wars, calamities and disasters, was that extreme men seek to control events, giving to moderate and conservative men no share in public affairs. We have extreme men on one side and the other really controlling public events. It was not well that extreme men should have their way, because by following their course we shall go down to ruin. We have gentlemen who will stand up here like his colleague, (WOOD,) under the most trying circumstances surrounding us, and say that without another man being fired, he can secure peace and union. Oh! if his colleague could only show the least reasonable chance of restoring the Union and preserving the Government without further bloodshed, who did not know that every man would struggle to do what his colleague said could be accomplished? His colleagues had spoken of obtaining peace without the firing of another gun, but to what time could you withdraw your armies? What would you do with Kentucky? Would you leave her to the tender mercies of secession leaders, as well as the other border States who stand by the old flag?

Mr. FERNANDO WOOD said that three several efforts have been made for the negotiation of an honorable peace, and rejected by this Administration.

Mr. KERNAN supposed that the first was before Fort Sumter was fired upon, and yet the gentleman (WOOD) when that was done was one of the strongest men for putting down the rebellion. This was when the cry was popular. He (WOOD) was one of them who raised the Mozart Regiment.

Mr. WOOD said that all he had sought to do with that regiment was to protect the capital, not to carry on a war to subjugate the Southern States, and his colleague (KERNAN) had heretofore heard him state this fact.

Mr. KERNAN replied that in the years 1861 and 1862, when the popular current ran in the direction of protecting the Constitution and the Union, his colleague did not raise his voice against it. He (KERNAN) was did not raise his voice against it. He (KERNAN) was in the Democratic State Convention of 1861, and in the Democratic State Convention of 1862, and the politicians with whom his colleague acted were there, and the convention passed resolutions declaring against secession, and in favor of putting down the rebellion, contrary to the time against the course of the Administration in putting in force martial law in loyal States. The gentleman (WOOD) and his friends denounced us for embarrassing the Administration, and they went for the Union ticket. (Laughter.) Ted Meagher Regiment was three years regiment, and his friend from New-York (ODELL) was authority for the statement.

Mr. FERNANDO WOOD said that this was not so.

Mr. ODELL, of New-York—The statement is exactly so. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. ELDRIDGE, of Wisconsin, (Dem.,) raised the point of order that the Mozart Regiment had nothing to do with the question before the House.

The Speaker said the subject was pertinent.

Mr. ODELL—The regiment was raised by the Union Defence Committee, of which my colleague was a member, or acted as such.

Mr. WOOD—As Mayor of the City of New-York I was a member of that committee. (Laughter.)

Mr. ODELL—What Tammany Hall proposed to raise a regiment of soldiers, Mozart Hall, under the patronage of my college (WOOD) would not be behind, and they asked permission to raise one. My colleague began the work, and said he raised the regiment at a private expenditure of $6,000. A better and a braver regiment never left New-York to defend the country. Its Major had been brought hither in a dying condition. I was sorry to hear my colleague say he raised the regiment merely to defend the Capital. It was not so. It enlisted for the war, and many of its members had fought with the soldiers from my own district. My colleague expected men to go by thousands. If I had power to send troops into the field, I would not, like my colleague, repudiate them. (Applause.)

Mr. WOOD—If it is true that I raised so many men for such deeds of blood, may Almighty God forgive me for the aimed crime. (Hisses from the Republican side.) I repeat that the regiment was raised to defend the Capital when it was menaced. As to the term of its service, I had no power whatever over it.

Mr. KERNAN resumed his remarks, speaking against the extremes of party, and repeating that we cannot have peace except by showing that we have the power to put down armed resistance. He expressed himself to be opposed to repealing the commutation clause, and was authorized by a number of fellow-Democrats to say that they will vote men and money to put down the war, but not in a vindictive spirit, nor with a view of exterminating those in arms against us.

No question was taken on the pending amendments to the bill, and the House, at a few minutes to six o'clock, adjourned.

From California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Friday, June 17.

The ship *Dunrath*, arrived here from China, brought four hundred Chinese passengers. One of them was found to have $280, worth of opium concealed on his person.

Unusual quietness prevails in trade circles. There is much anxiety to know the details of the new tariff law.

Some kinds of grain are in request.

American vessels are in less distaver at Hong Kong, according to advices.

Sailed, ship *Alone*, for Manilla, in ballast, with 900,000 in gold bars.

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, June 21.

The Chamber of Commerce and Board of Supervisors with memorialize the Governor, urging that the new monitor *Camanche* be constructed forthwith. All her parts have been saved, but the contractors refuse to do the work on account of the depreciation of greenbacks since their contract, made eighteen months ago.

Major ADDISON FARLEIGH, Commandant Marines at the Mare Island Navy-yard, is dead.

Sugars, both raw and refined, are dull; Crushed is selling at 13c.@13½c.; at auction, to-day, one refinery sold their entire production of Golden Syrup, 45,000 gallons, at a decline of 15c. ₱ gallon, on rates of long ruling. Boston Syrup, in 5 gallon kegs, sold at 35c.@36c. Two hundred cases of the best Virginia Tobacco sold at 25c. ₱ lb.

The secret of these heavy sales at such declines is owing to a desire to take advantage of the high premium on gold.

The steamer *Golden Age* is three days overdue from Panama.

The receipts of Bullion for the last ten days amount to nearly $2,000,000. Currency Exchange 75c.@80c. premium. Coin bills 4c.@6½c. per centum. Telegrams 6c.@6½c., and the demand small.

The British ship *Avon*, for Hong Kong, takes over $150,000 in specie.

The grain market is dull.

Arrived, Russian war-steamer *Bezatire*, Admiral POPAFF, from Victoria.

Sailed, ships *Rattler*, Manilla; *Golden Fleece*, Boston. The latter takes a cargo valued at a quarter of a million of dollars, including large quantities of wool and copper ore.

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, June 22.

The Supervisors held a meeting to-day to take action concerning the *Comanche* contractors. It is stated that they would put her together at the contract price, notwithstanding the depreciation in greenbacks, if the underwriters will pay them the damages sustained on the woodwork, furniture, sails, &c., amounting to $60,000 in gold.

The steamer *Golden Age* has not arrived.

The steamer *Uncle Sam* takes her place to-morrow.

Ratification Meeting.

NEW-HAVEN, Conn., Saturday, June 25.

A large meeting was held here last evening to ratify the nominations of LINCOLN and JOHNSON. Speeches were made by Gov. BUCKINGHAM, S. C. SCRANTON, and others, and resolutions indorsing the Baltimore nominations, offered by Hon. J. F. BABCOCK, were enthusiastically adopted. Some six thousand people were present.

Arrival of the Steamship Melbourne.

HALIFAX, Saturday, June 25.

The steampship *Melbourne*, twenty days from Liverpool for New-York, with five hundred and sixty passengers, put in here last night for coal. She has experienced heavy weather, and sails for New-York this evening.

Fire at Rockaway.

JAMAICA, L. I., Saturday, June 25.

The Pavilion Hotel, at Rockaway, together with all the cottages and several other buildings, are entirely consumed. The fire broke out at about 2 o'clock in the Pavilion.

Court of Appeals.

ALBANY, Saturday, June 25.

The day calendar for Monday, June 27, is as follows: Nos. 224, 131, 155, 147, 148, 150, 160, 161, 162, 163.

Postponement of the Union Conservative National Convention.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of this organization, held in New-York, on the 24th, it was unanimously

Resolved, That it is of paramount importance for all conservative organizations to effect a concert of action in the election of the next President, and that a union on a national Presidential ticket who will look to the constitution and the laws as his only guide for official action; to this end it is hereby recommended that the National Union Executive Committee, called to meet in Chicago, on the 26 of July, until the 27th of August next, at 12 o'clock noon, believing with a large majority of conservative men that such postponement will tend most to the accomplishment of that object.

R. J. STEVENS, New-York,
National Secretary.

GIFT TO YALE COLLEGE LIBRARY BY THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA.—*The Codex Sinaiticus.* The library of Yale College has just received from the Emperor of Russia a gift of rare value and beauty. It is a facsimile copy of the celebrated Greek manuscript of the Holy Bible, found in 1859 at the Convent of St. Catharine, on Mount Sinai, by Dr. TISCHENDORF, well known as one of the most learned students and critics of the sacred texts. At his request, the monks, in whose keeping this precious manuscript was found, agreed to present it to the Emperor ALEXANDER II. of Russia. This intelligent monarch at once appreciated the value of the Codex, and determined to have it elaborately reproduced (by means of electrotypes especially cast for the purpose) so that copies might be presented to the chief public libraries of the world. So soon as the gift reached St. Petersburgh by the hands of Dr. TISCHENDORF, the text was transcribed, illustrated with a learned introduction and published in four quarto volumes. Three hundred copies were printed, two hundred of which the Emperor proposed to distribute to public institutions. A few were given to Dr. TISCHENDORF, through whom they were placed on sale, first at £25 and afterward at £21 sterling.

The value of this manuscript is well known to Biblical scholars. Others may be interested in learning that Dr. TISCHENDORF believes that it was written in the fourth century. It is, therefore, among the oldest if not the oldest copy of the Bible in existence, ranking side by side with the Alexandrine MS. (A) of the British Museum, or the Vatican MS. (B) of Rome. Its importance in determining the true text of the sacred Scriptures can hardly be overestimated. Unfortunately portions of this Codex are wanting; but, fortunately, on the other hand, the New Testament is complete. In the Old Testament we have (in the Septuagint version) Isaiah, the Psalms, Proverbs, Solomon's Songs, Ecclesiastes, Job, nine of the twelve minor prophets, part of the Apocrypha, and portions of other books.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

The Broome-street Barracks.

The Broome-street Barracks, at the corner of Broome and Elm streets, contains at present but thirty-two prisoners, twelve of whom are alleged deserters awaiting trial. The others are confined for various military offences, mostly of a light character. Judging from a recent inspection of the premises, the unfavorable reports in regard to the state of the barracks, and the treatment of prisoners confined there, which have been circulated by friends of some of the inmates, have no foundation in fact. The rooms and halls are kept scrupulously clean and well ventilated; the daily rations served to the prisoners are ample, and of a good quality, and no unnecessary severity appears to be exercised in preserving order and discipline. Occasionally a turbulent beauty jumper or deserter, who shows a disposition to create a disturbance, or to make his exit through the windows—a feat which several prisoners have successfully performed—is compelled to lug about a chain and ball for a few days, or until he makes up his mind to accommodate himself with proper resignation and patience to a position into which his own folly has placed him. One trial of this is generally sufficient to accomplish the object.

Since the 1st of last February, the officers in charge of the Broome-street Barracks have returned to their regiments more than seven hundred deserters and stragglers, the majority of whom were arrested by the police. A large number of these were innocent of any attempt to desert—men who had been left by accident, or who had been prevented by sickness from returning to the army immediately on the expiration of their furloughs; but the great majority were professional bounty-jumpers, many of them well known to the police of this City. As to nationality, America and Europe are quite evenly represented among the deserters, and occasionally a sable son of Africa is found among them. The officers say that the latter class are generally very peaceable, but such adepts in prevarication that it requires the exercise of considerable ingenuity to corner them and discover their true location in the army. The necessity of ascertaining the precise regiment to which a deserter belongs furnishes a loop-hole through which many avowed bounty-jumpers contrive to make their escape.

The Hottest June Weather in Ten Years.

The weather during the week, which closed yesterday, was warmer than during any week in June for the last ten years. The following is the record of the thermometer at DELMONICO'S:

	6 A. M.	12 M.	3 P. M.	6 P. M.
June 20	74	89	89	78
June 21	69	79	80	76
June 22	63	73	77	70
June 23	67	87	87½	82
June 24	69	82	84	80
June 25	75	91	90½	—

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the mercury stood at 95; at 2:30 o'clock, 94; at 3 o'clock, 93; at 5:30 o'clock, 92. On the 20th and 30th June, of last year, the mercury touched 80 degrees at 12 to 2 o'clock—the highest figure of that month. On the 28th June, 1862, the highest recorded figure is 86 degrees. On the 29th of June, 1859, the figures were 89 and 91. On the 27th June, 1858, the mercury rose to 92 degrees. On June 30, 1855, the mercury touched 93.

Obsequies of the late Col. Patrick Kelly, of the Irish Brigade.

The funeral of this truly gallant soldier will take place at 2 o'clock, this afternoon, from his late residence, No. 171 East Twentieth-street, near Second-avenue. Col. KELLY fell, as we have before recorded, in the fierce struggle before Petersburgh, Va., while leading the Irish Brigade. This funeral will, no doubt, be a large and most respectable one—composed of the Sixty-ninth and Ninety-ninth Regiments New-York State National Guards, who will do escort duty, and hundreds of our most respectable citizens, who esteemed him in life, and now desire to honor the gallant dead.

The Case of Private Dusenbury.

PAYMASTER'S OFFICE, U. S. ARMY,
No. 53 BLEECKER-STREET, New-York.
Tuesday, June 21, 1864.

Major T. J. Leslie, Chief Paymaster of District:

MAJOR: I have the honor to transmit to you the following statement made June 20, 1864, by SILVANUS DUSENBURY, private Second New-York Heavy Artillery:

"I was mustered into United States service at Schenectady, New-York, Feb. 18, 1864, and received on muster into service $323, town and county bounty, signed the United States Disbursing Officer's pay-roll for the $60 advance bounty and $13, one month's advance pay, but was ordered on detached service before receiving such bounty and pay, and have not since received it. I was on detached service in the western part of New-York State until May 14, Elmira, when I was ordered to Hart's Island, New-York. Have been there since then; was not at Albany on the day of muster for pay, consequently could not be mustered; have not been at Hart's Island long enough to be mustered; know nothing of the article in the New-York TIMES, purporting to be a statement of my case, until told to me, some time after its publication, by an officer on Hart's Island. My wife did not apply to any person or persons for either to pass to this Island or for any pecuniary assistance nor did she make such statement as contained in the said article in the New-York TIMES to any one. If such a statement was made, it was made by some woman falsely representing herself to be my wife, and for some ulterior purpose to benefit herself, without any direction or authority from me, and without my knowledge or that of my wife."

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. HERBERT,
Paymaster U. S. A.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

TRIAL TRIP OF THE CHAUNCEY VIBBARD.—This new and swift North River clipper passenger steamer made her first trip from New-York to Albany, on Saturday, the 18th. She unmoored from her berth, foot of Desbrosses-street, at 7 A. M., and reached the dock at Albany at 3:30, having made a passage of remarkable speed, considering the usual disadvantages of fouling bottom, heated journals, &c., attending new engines. Indeed, her time between Rhinebeck and Catskill, one hour and six minutes, was the fastest ever made on the river between those points. From New-York to Rhinebeck, 100 miles, she ran in four hours forty-two minutes, making four landings. Her lines are singularly fine, and she cuts the water forward and leaves it aft with almost no disturbance whatever. She made not more than twenty-five or twenty-five and a half revolutions a minute at most, upon her present trip; but experts on board say that without doubt she can make 25 miles an hour with 28 turns, after her machinery and boilers get into working order; and they anticipate that she will be the fastest boat on the river. She is 320 feet 265 feet long over all, 275 feet keel, 34 feet beam, 66 feet over the guards, 9 feet deep, 660 tons burden, and draws 4 feet 7 inches of water. She was built for Messrs. VAN SANTVOORD & DAVIDSON, by LAWRENCE & FOULKS, North Fifth-street, Williamsburgh. Her engines are by FLETCHER, HARRISON & Co., and are of their usual style, having all the recent improvements. Her cylinder is of 52 inches diameter, 12 feet stroke; wheels, 30 feet diameter. Her joiner work is by Kingsland & Ellis. Saloons by Stephen Hogan, ornamental work by Harney & Styles, gilding, mirrors, &c., by J. B. Downing, and upholstery by A. T. Stewart & Co. Her frescoing and decorative finish are in cool and pleasant colors and graceful designs, showing uncommon good taste. Her appointments of every kind are very complete; they are in general of the usual character, one feature only requiring notice. This is her large extent of state-rooms accommodation secured by throwing into state-rooms the whole after-hold, commonly filled with berths. The smoothness of the Hudson renders this practicable, permitting window ventilation under the guards. The Pilot's officers are as follows: Captain, DAVID HUMPHREY; Mate, Peter Bishop; Clerk, Alonzo W. Collyer; Chief Engineer, Wm. H. Gage; Second Engineer, Lewis Reifsenberg; Pilot, Guernsey Betts; Steward, C. Fairchild. Steward John H. Conover of the *Armenia* was also on board, and promoted efficiently the pleasure of the trip. Messrs. Van Santvoord, Fowler, and Fletcher, Supervisor Smith of this City, Capt. Peck of the St. John, and other steamboat men of renown, were present. The day was perfect, the guests well pleased, the boat very successful, the cooking and the table very good indeed, the officers attentive in that wisest of ways which enables the guest to feel himself welcome and at home. No journey could well be more complete in its kind.—*Tribune.*

THE RING VISION.—This little craft, in which Capt. JOHN C. DONOVAN is about to venture across the ocean, hauled out into the East River yesterday, from the foot of Grand-street, and, with a fair wind, sailed down to the Battery, off which she is now at anchor. During the day several hundred people assembled at Castle Clinton, in anticipation of the departure of the "ocean boat." One P. M. was the hour announced when the friends of Capt. DONOVAN were to bid him adieu and a safe voyage to Liverpool, but owing to the non-arrival of stores the sailing of the vessel was postponed. The Captain is not certain as to the time he may be able to depart, but he expects everything will be ready for his leave-taking to-day, or early to-morrow morning. The crew, consisting of Mr. WILLIAM ANDREWS and the dog Toby, were on board yesterday at an early hour. The Captain and Mr. SPANGLER are old sailors—both of them having been at sea for more than twenty years. They have also had some experience in navigating. He very recently returned from a voyage to Australia, and has visited other parts of the world foreign to this country. This is not a dog's "ay, ay, sir," but the 1 quarter of medium size of more than canine capacity, and will be expected to stand his regular watch and do such other duties as may be required of him. The Vixen was built at BLANCHARD'S boat-yard foot of Grand-street, and was rigged by Capt. DONOVAN and Mr. SPANGLER. The dimensions of the vessel are: Length of keel, 15 feet; breadth of beam, 4 feet 6 inches; depth of hold, 5 ft. 6 inches. The following gentlemen have gratuitously furnished the outfit: Annis & Co., No. 99 Fulton-street; St. Cavarin, of No. 909 Grand-street; Potter, Wilson & Co., Nos. 228 and 229 South-street; John Merritt, New Sailors' Home, Cherry-street; James Davy, No. 20 Cherry-street. The provisions and stores for this venturesome party will consist of fifty-five gallons of water, or an allowance of three pints per diem; one hundred pounds of bread, or three-quarters of a pound per day per man; a few pounds of coffee and a little sugar. The cooking apparatus will be a small lamp to make coffee once a day. A few currants and a few cans of preserved meats will make up the list of stores. The Captain expects to make the passage in six weeks, and upon his arrival in England will exhibit, and then sell his craft.

FISHERMEN'S CLUB.—The annual meeting of the Fisherman's Club, of this City, was held Wednesday evening, at the Franklin House, in Tarrytown, the President, Mr. JAMES T. DELMONICO, presiding. Several fine aquaria were exhibited, among the number one by Mr. E. R. WORTHEN, containing a brook trout weighing five pounds.

FATAL STREET ACCIDENT.—An inquest was held yesterday, by Coroner WILSEY, on the body of SARAH J. LOUNSBURY, a child aged five years, who died from injuries received in consequence of being run over by a horse and wagon belonging to Messrs. A. T. STEWART & Co. The testimony showed that the occurrence was accidental, and the jury so rendered their verdict.

A CASE OF SUN STROKE.—The Twentieth Precinct Police reported yesterday that they found an aged man, whose name is not known, lying on the pavement in Twenty-eighth-street, near Seventh-avenue, in a state of insensibility, caused by the heat. He was conveyed to the Jew's Hospital.

FATAL FALL.—THOMAS ROGERS, a laborer, aged 45 years, while in a state of intoxication, fell into the area at No. 148 Leonard-street, and was so much injured that he died soon after.

PERSONAL.—Capt. CHARLES WHITE, of Auburn, formerly of the Third New-York Artillery, arrived in this City yesterday en route for Washington.

THE MURDER OF J. PERK. SPARKS, ESQ.—As there are many conflicting reports as to the manner of the killing of J. PERK. SPARKS, Esq., the late representative of Henry County, we give the following facts, from one who attended his funeral: "On the day before Mr. SPARKS was murdered, a band of robbers, under the lead of 'black' DAVE MARVIN, of Shelby County, had robbed Mr. SPARKS of $500 in money, about the same time that they burned the cars. On the next day, a similar band, under the leadership of ELIAS JENKINS, of Henry County, was passing through Pleasureville, where Mr. SPARKS lived. Mr. SPARKS was lying asleep on a counter, in a store in Pleasureville, at the time the band was coming into town. Some friends of Mr. SPARKS waked him up, and told him to flee, that the rebels were coming. Mr. SPARKS got out the back way through a vacant lot to his house, which was only a short distance away. As JENKINS was coming into town he was heard to say: 'I am a-going after SPARKS; he has represented Henry County long enough.' As Mr. SPARKS was running across the vacant lot, to get away from the gang, and before Mr. SPARKS had shot at any of them, Maj. JENKINS drew his pistol and shot SPARKS, the ball entering the side of SPARKS, producing his death in about 25 or 30 minutes. During the few minutes that he lived, Mr. GAITHER KELLY wrote his will at his request, dividing all his property between his sister and his daughter, who lived with him. It is certain that SPARKS had not fired at any of the gang, for SPARKS so said on his death-bed; and the fact that all the loads were still in his pistol when he died, puts this statement beyond further controversy. So foul a murder has rarely ever been perpetrated in Kentucky. We understand that JENKINS had a personal grudge against SPARKS; and this was doubtless the case of his murder."—*Frankfort Commonwealth, June 17.*

THE NEW LIGHT-DRAFT MONITORS.—We understand that since the removal of Mr. BELKNAP from the position of Chief Engineer of the new monitors, Mr. SARGEANT has taken charge of them, and will make radical changes on them, to make them, if possible, serviceable to the Government. It has been decided to fit up three or four of them to remove torpedoes. The turrets will be taken off, the extra piping in the water compartments taken out, and outriggers put on the bows, with appliances to remove torpedoes and other obstructions.

The new light-draft monitors, it thus appears, are failures. The account of the successful trial trip